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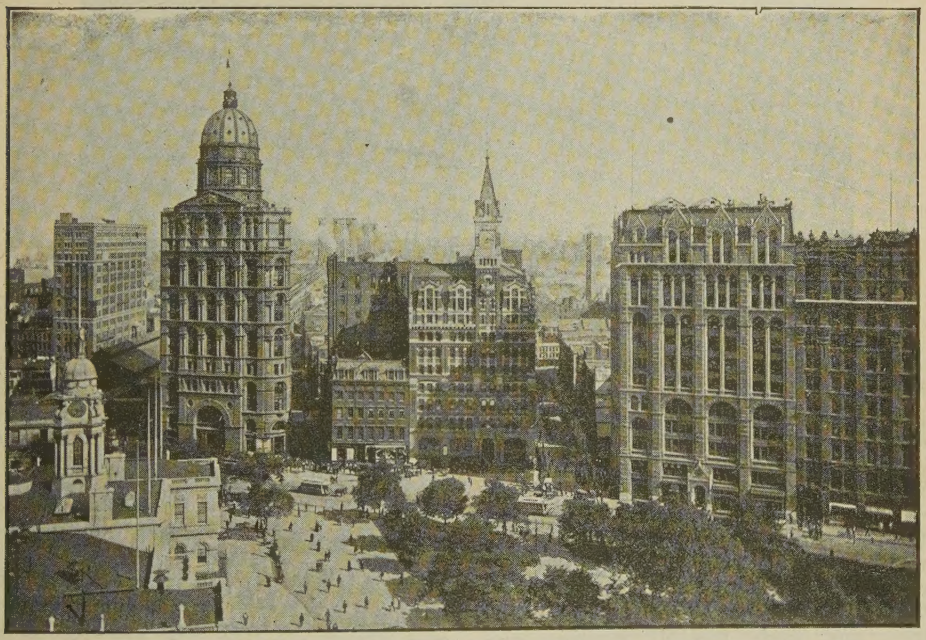
Greater New York

The Convention City

NEW YORK is a city that every American longs some time to see. As many Luther Leaguers will visit the metropolis for the first time attending the Third National Convention of the Luther League of America, some particulars of the convention city will no doubt be opportune.



A GLIMPSE OF THE CITY HALL AND NEWSPAPER ROW

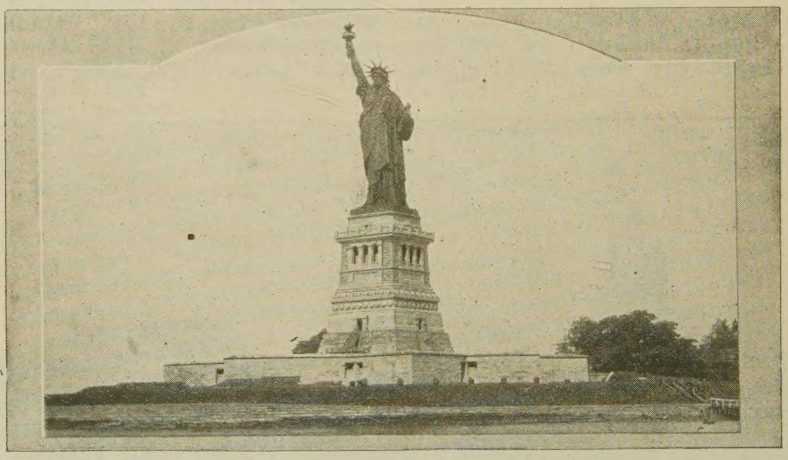
New York is the second greatest city in the world, having for a superior London only, which has a population of 5,000,000 and an area of 688 square miles. The new metropolis, Greater New York, has a population of 3,100,000; area, 359 square miles; wharfage front, 75 miles; churches, 1,100; dwelling houses, 130,000; business houses, 37,000; parks, 6,000 acres; paved streets, 900 miles; railroads, 1,200 miles; post offices, 90; public schools, 350. According to the census of 1890, the value of articles manufactured in the city during the year was $777,222,721. There are 25,403 factories, one-fourth of which are devoted to clothing, cigars, furniture and printing. Three thousand six hundred and thirty-nine clothing establishments produce $87,-

533,259 worth of goods yearly; 1,166 printing and publishing houses turn out $54,488,179 worth a year; 1,282 factories produce $33,452,430 worth of cigars; and 563 shops make $15,661,491 worth of furniture. It is the Mecca toward which Americans journey, and the city where millionaires, no matter where they may have acquired their wealth, come to live. Fifth and Madison avenues are lined with palaces, peopled by men grown rich in other places. No city of the world has such magnificent dwellings, such prodigious commercial and public buildings, such interesting shops and stores.

Aside from the so-called objects of interest, such as museums, parks, &c., the buildings which have more recently been erected. Some of the most prominent are named below.

Beginning at the extreme southern end of the city, in the Battery Park, we find the CASTLE GARDEN. It is now an aquarium. As it was the gateway of America to hundreds of thousands of immigrants, it has a deep interest for all citziens. Of the 10,000,000 foreigners who have landed in our country in the past century, the majority have passed through this portal.

Close to this and just across the Battery Park is the LUTHERAN EMIGRANT HOME at 26 State street, where thousands of emigrants are sheltered until they make their final pilgrimage West. On October 31 the



STATUE OF LIBERTY, NEW YORK HARBOR

visitor will find in the public streets and the people who throng them an endless amount of amusement and interest.

New Yorkers conduct business as though life were fleeting. Go down town and watch the men in the streets ! Every one seems in a desperate hurry; and the visitor, without realizing it, is apt to become imbued with the all pervading hurry and scurry, and finds himself rushing and elbowing his way through the crowd. This haste is a characteristic of New Yorkers, and the traveler who wishes to see the city well must avoid their example. He must go slow and enjoy what he sees. Nothing is more fatiguing than sightseeing.

Points of Interest

With few exceptions the public buildings of the city are not imposing or elegant. Most of them, built many years ago, suffer by contrast with the great commercial Emigrant House Association will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Passing up Broadway, at the head of Wall street is TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, the richest parish in America, having revenues of $500,000 a year. It was founded in 1697, receiving from the English Government a grant of its present site, outside the north gate of the city, to which in 1703 was added Queen Anne's farm, including the territory along the river from Vesey street to Christopher street.

Just south of the Trinity grounds, on the site now occupied by the large Empire Building and extending for some distance below, was the site of the FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH in New York City. The tract of ground was granted to the Lutherans as early as 1673, and if it had not been for the persecution that had to be endured, as well as some great mistakes that were made, the Lutheran Church of New York City

to-day would be as wealthy as the Episcopal Trinity Corporation.

Passing down Wall street, at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets is the SUB-TREASURY, a noble Doric building of white granite, which covers the spot where Washington was inaugurated President. Here the City Hall was built, in 1700, with the cage, whipping post, pillory and stocks in front. The first United States Congress under the Constitution met here, when it was named FEDERAL HALL; and for some years it was the State Capitol. The present building was erected and long used for the Custom House. On its roof four pieces of light artillery are kept, and riflemen guard the premises at night. It contains vaults for the storage of gold and silver coin, notes, &c. On the granite steps in front stands a colossal bronze statue of Washington, by J. Q. A. Ward. The pedestal contains the stone on which Washington stood when he took the oath of office in April, 1789.

Just east of this is the ASSAY OFFICE, the oldest building on the street, having been built for the United States Branch Bank in 1823. Here gold and silver are brought in the crude state and assayed, refined and cast into bars, to be made into coin elsewhere. As high as $100,000,000 in bullion is sometimes assayed here in a year. Here may be seen $50,000,000 or more, stacked up in shining gold bricks. Visitors are admitted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and shown the various processes of assaying.

Two blocks further east, at the corner of William street, is the CUSTOM HOUSE. The portico of this large granite building is supported by 18 granite columns 38 feet high and 4½ feet in diameter, cut in one piece. The rotunda is a beautiful and lofty round hall, surrounded by pilasters of variegated marble. The Custom House cost $1,800,000.

Retracing our steps up Wall street back to Nassau and up that street to Cedar street, a narrow thoroughfare, we see in the middle of the block near Broadway the NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE, a building only recently erected, where the banking business of all the banks of the city is transacted. Here millions of dollars are daily changing hands, but not one cent in coin or a dollar in cash is passed.

Continuing up Nassau street to John street the visitor will see on John street, just east of Nassau, the old JOHN STREET CHURCH, which is the cradle of American Methodism. It was begun in 1766, when Philip Embury preached to four persons. Two years later the society bought this site, and built the Wesley Chapel, replaced in 1817 and in 1841 by larger churches. The clock now there was presented by John Wesley, and the society has other precious relics of the early days.

A VIEW OF THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Passing up John street to Broadway we see at the head of the street the WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH BUILDING, and continuing up Broadway to the junction of Park row we see on the left the old ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, where Washington worshiped. Opposite is the new ST. PAUL BUILDING, a modern office structure, and right ahead, directly at the junction of Broadway and Park row, is the POST OFFICE, an immense triangular building of Dix Island (Maine) granite, which cost nearly $7,000,000, and was finished in 1875. Over 600,000,000 letters, newspapers, &c., are handled here annually. The office yields a profit, an-

nually, of nearly $3,000,000, and is the largest in the United States.

Just north of the Post Office is the City Hall Park, a view of which is presented in the illustration. The CITY HALL was erected in 1803, in what was then the outskirts of the city. It is of white marble, built in the Italian style; the back being of brown stone, as the authorities 80 years ago fancied that the town would never grow beyond it. The Governor's room contains the desk on which Washington wrote his first message to Congress, the chair in which he was inaugurated, many historical portraits, and other objects of interest.

Across the park will be seen the tall buildings of Newspaper row, viz., *The World*, *The Tribune*, *The Times* and *The Press*. These can also be noted in the engraving.

Back of the City Hall is the COUNTY COURT HOUSE. It is a white marble building, in the Corinthian style, chiefly interesting as being the most costly building of its size ever erected. It was built in 1869-70, during the reign of William M. Tweed, the leader of the New York "ring," when the city debt increased nearly $50,000,000. Most of this amount was alleged to have been expended on this building. But the lion's share of it came back in the form of "rebates" and "commissions" to the guileless William and his associates. He afterward died at Blackwell's Island.

The REGISTER'S OFFICE, just east of the City Hall, was the British provost prison during the Revolutionary War, where many patriots were confined.

Directly opposite the Register's Office is the entrance to the EAST RIVER BRIDGE, or, more popularly, the "Brooklyn Bridge," spanning the East River and connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn. The length of the bridge is 5,989 feet, and it is 89 feet wide. It is suspended from four steel wire cables, each 16 inches in diameter. In the center is an elevated promenade, on each side of which is a railroad track for passenger cars propelled by a stationary engine. Outside of the railroad track, on each side, are the roadways for vehicles and for the Brooklyn trolley and elevated lines, which can now be taken on the New York side and for one fare the passenger can ride to any part of Brooklyn. From the under side of the bridge, in the center, to the water is 135 feet. Ordinary vessels can easily pass beneath. Very large sailing vessels have to lower their topmasts to go under. The fare for foot passengers has been abolished and the promenade is now free. The single fare on the cars is 3 cents. The total cost of the bridge was $15,000,000. It is a notable experience to walk across the bridge by the elevated footway, on a calm and pleasant day, and get the noble panoramic views of the two great cities and the thronged river and harbor. This wonderful pontifical work, the greatest in the world, was built between 1870 and 1883. Fifteen million persons cross the bridge annually. The piers reach a height of 272 feet above high tide, and rest on caissons of yellow pine, iron and concrete sunk in the bed of the river. There is wire enough used in the cables to stretch nearly two-thirds of the way around the world.

From the City Hall Park north, and in fact in the immediate vicinity, are the great commercial interests of the city, conducted in large and modern buildings as well as small and very old ones. These are too numerous to mention and we leave it to the visitor to note for himself the most important and interesting.

A Trip Up Fifth Avenue

No visit to New York is complete without a trip up Fifth avenue, the center of fashion and splendor of the American metropolis.

The best way to do this is to take one of the blue double-decked omnibuses at the beginning of the route, South Fifth avenue and Bleecker street (fare 5 cents).

Crossing the Washington square, which is practically the entrance to Fifth avenue, we see at the upper end of the square the beautiful Washington Memorial Arch, which is reproduced on our cover page. This arch was erected a few years ago as a memorial of the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States.

At Clinton place is the aristocratic Brevoort House. General Daniel E. Sickels lives at No. 23. At Tenth street is the brown stone Episcopal Church of the Ascension. The First Presbyterian Church comes next, on the block between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

On West Fifteenth street is the tall New York Hospital, chartered by King George in 1771. To the left, on Fifteenth street, is the beautiful building of the Young Women's Christian Association. At Eighteenth street is the Chickering Hall, devoted to musical entertainments, and opposite is the Constable Building, where the Justices of the Appellate Division of

the Supreme Court sit. Corner of Twentieth street are the Methodist Book Concern and the large Presbyterian Building, in which our own Lutheran Publication Bureau is located. Opposite is the Lotus Club. At the Twenty-first street corner (the street in which is Holy Trinity Church, where the convention will be held) is the select Union Club, founded in 1836. At Twenty-third street the avenue cuts obliquely across Broadway, with the Madison Square Park on the right and the white marble Fifth Avenue Hotel on the left. Corner of Twenty-sixth street is the old Delmonico's famous restaurant and banquet hall. To the left, one block east, will be noted the tall tower of the Madison Square Garden. At Twenty-ninth street is the white granite edifice of the Fifth Avenue Reformed Church, and a little to the right is the picturesque Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, known as "The Little Church Around the Corner." On the corner of Thirtieth street is the new and attractive Holland House. Between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets is the magnificent Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, said to be the finest hotel in the world. Directly opposite is the great marble palace of the late A. T. Stewart, erected at a cost of $2,000,000, and now occupied by the Democratic Manhattan Club. The fashionable Christ Episcopal Church is at the corner of Thirty-fifth street, and the Brick Presbyterian Church at Thirty-seventh street. The lofty and quaint Union League Club house is at the corner of Thirty-ninth street, and between Fortieth and Forty-second is the old reservoir, the proposed site of the Tilden Library. Russell Sage, the money king, lives beyond Forty second street, at No. 406, and at the corner of Forty-third is the famous Hebrew synagogue, Temple Emanu-El. At Forty-fifth street is the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, and between Forty sixth and Forty-seventh the great Windsor Hotel. On the corner beyond the Windsor, No. 579, lived the late Jay Gould, and at the other end is the residence of Robert Goelet, whose estate is above $20,000,000. Corner of Forty-eighth street is the Dutch Collegiate Church, and opposite, No. 597, the house of Ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower. At the corner of Fiftieth street rises the vast Cathedral of St. Patrick. Between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets are the magnificent brown stone palaces of the Vanderbilts (as shown in the engraving). Across Fifty-second street is the residence of William K. Vanderbilt. Next comes the beautiful St. Thomas Church, and beyond, at Fifty-fifth street, the Presbyterian church of the late Dr. Hall. At the lower corner of West Fifty-seventh is the handsome house of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney. On the other corner, and extending to Fifty-eighth street, is the mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

St. Thoma's Church.

Vanderbilts' Mansion W. K. Vanderbilt's Dr. Hall's Church

FIFTH AVENUE AT FIFTY-FIRST STREET

On the right, between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets, is the beautiful Hotel Savoy, and directly opposite is the Plaza Hotel. Just north of the Savoy is the New Netherlands Hotel. At Sixtieth street is the "Millionaires' Club," the Metropolitan. Corner of Sixty-seventh street is the residence of George Gould, and be-

tween Seventieth and Seventy-first streets the Lenox Library.

On Seventy-second street, one block east, is the quaint gray house of Chas. L. Tiffany, and directly back of this, on Madison avenue, corner of Seventy-third street, the beautiful St. James' Lutheran Church, of which Dr. Remensnyder is the pastor.

Central and Riverside Parks

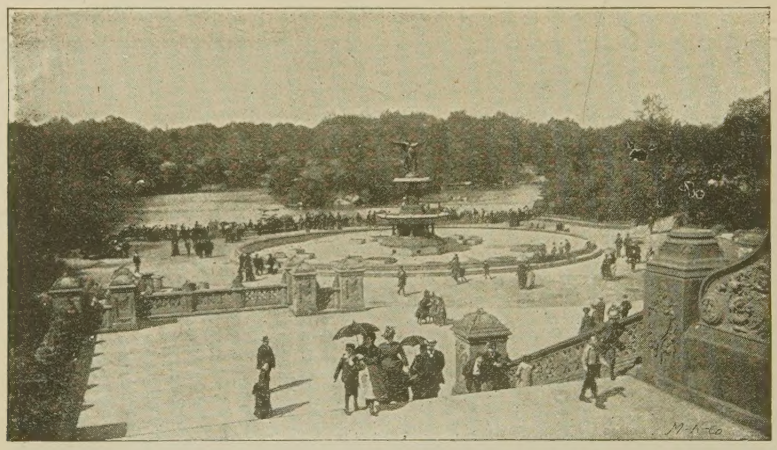
The best way to see Central Park is to take one of the Park carriages at the Fifty-ninth street entrances, either at Fifth or Eighth avenue. The fare around the Park is 25 cents. The Park extends from Fifty-ninth street to 110th street (over 2½ miles), and from Fifth avenue to Eighth avenue (over ½ mile), covering 862 acres, of which 185 are in lakes and reservoirs and 400 in forests, wherein over 500,000 trees and shrubs have been planted. There are 9 miles of roads, 5¼ of bridle paths and 28¼ of walks. In the southwest part of the Park is the ball ground, a 10-acre lawn. Beyond is the Green, or Common, a lawn of 16 acres, made picturesque by grazing sheep. In the southeast part is the menagerie.

The Mall is the chief promenade, nearly ¼ mile long. Here are the statues of Scott, Shakespeare, Burns, Fitz-Greene Halleck, the colossal Beethoven bust, and other artistic memorials. Beyond the music pavilion is the Terrace, as shown in the engraving. Below is the Lower Terrace, an ornamental esplanade, in which stands the famous Bethesda Fountain.

Beyond the lake is the Ramble, a delightful labyrinth of footpaths amid thickets, rocks and streams. Farther on rises the Belvedere, a tall Norman tower of stone, overlooking the Park and the suburbs of New York. Next comes the great reservoirs of Croton water, vast granite-walled structures containing 1,200,000 gallons of water. The American Museum of Natural History is on the left, on Manhattan Square, a kind of annex to the Park, between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first streets and Eighth and Ninth avenues. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is on the right near Eighty-second street, near which is also the famous Obelisk.

Beyond the reservoirs extend the North Park; Harlem Mere, covering 12½ acres, and overlooked by ancient fortifications, and the deep ravine of M'Gowan's Pass, from which Leslie's British light infantry drove the Continental troops in September, 1776.

Riverside Park occupies the high bank of the Hudson, from Seventy-second to 130th street, 3 miles long and averaging 500 feet wide, with 178 acres of land. A magnificent driveway sweeps over the hills and along the edge of the bluff, affording very charming views of the Hudson River, the Palisades and upper Manhattan. On a noble elevation near the north end of the Park is the tomb in which General Grant's body is laid.



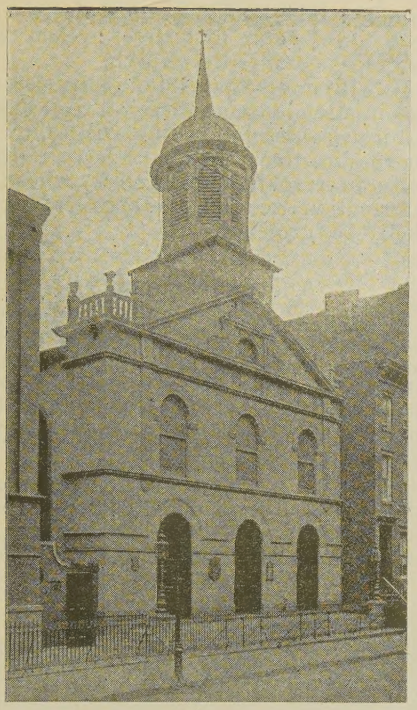
THE LOWER TERRACE IN CENTRAL PARK

Hotels

Convenient to Holy Trinity Church, where the business sessions will be held, are a number of first-class hotels. The distance from the church is given in the list below, together with the rates.

Within ten minutes' walk of the church:

Everett House, Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street; European plan; $1 per day.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHRISTOPHER ST.,
Where one of the Wednesday evening meetings will be held

Belvidere House, Fourth avenue and Eighteenth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Continental Hotel, Broadway and Twentieth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Bartholdi Hotel, Broadway and Twenty-third street; European plan; $1 per day.

Within 15 minutes' walk of the church:

Union Square Hotel, Fourth avenue and Fifteenth street; European plan.
Sturtevant House, Broadway and Twenty-ninth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Morton House, Broadway and Fourteenth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Hotel Albert, Eleventh street and University place; European plan.
St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and Eleventh street; European plan; $1 per day.

Within 15 minutes' ride of the church:

St. Cloud Hotel, Broadway and Forty-second street; European plan; $1 per day.
Hotel Cadillac, Broadway and Forty-third street; European plan; $1.50 per day.
Grand Union Hotel, Fourth avenue and Forty-second street; European plan; $1 per day.

These hotels are strictly first class in every respect, and the rates named for rooms are, in each case, the lowest charged by the hotels. Of course the rates quoted are for rooms only, and the meals would be extra. With the restaurants attached to the hotels and the excellent dining rooms in the vicinity of the church, a list of which will be furnished at the church, the meals should not cost over 75 cents per day. If, however, delegates desire to avail themselves of the American plan, the following hotels will be found convenient:

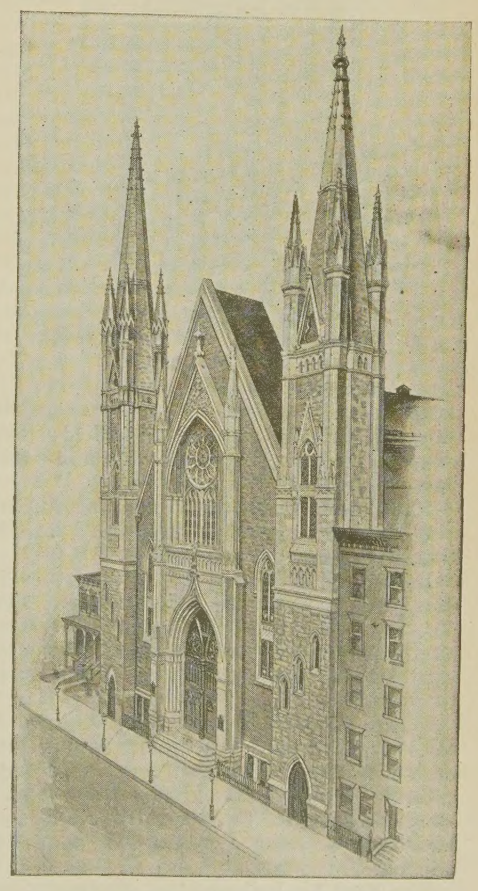
Miller's Hotel, 37-41 West Twenty-sixth street; $2.50 per day.
Westminster Hotel, Irving place and Sixteenth street; $3.50 per day.
Marlboro Hotel, Broadway and Thirty-sixth street; $3.50 per day.
Park Avenue Hotel, Park avenue and Thirty-third street; $3.50 per day.
Murray Hill Hotel, Park avenue, Fortieth to Forty-first street; $4 per day.

The committee in selecting and designating these various hotels have had in mind the convenience in reaching them from the railroads and their proximity to the places of meeting.

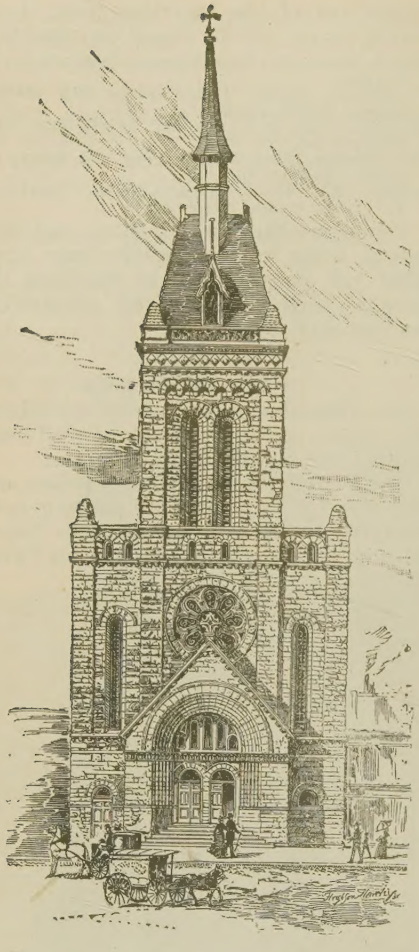
Railroad Depots

In order that there may be no mistake, the location of the principal railroad depots, printed last month, is given again:

The Pennsylvania Railroad trains arrive at Jersey City; from there passengers take the ferry (without extra fare) to Twenty-third street, New York City; from Twenty-



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST 123D ST., HARLEM,
Where one of the Wednesday evening meetings will be held



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS CHURCH,
Where one of the Wednesday evening meetings will be held

third street take the Twenty-third street crosstown car to Sixth avenue, and walk two blocks south to the church.

The Erie Railroad arrives in Jersey City and also has ferry to Twenty-third street; then take same car as above.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad arrives in Jersey City; ferry to Liberty street, New York; walk three blocks to the Sixth avenue elevated; take train to Twenty-third street; then walk two blocks south to church.

West Shore Railroad and Ontario & Western Railroad and their connections arrive in Jersey City and ferry to Forty-second street, New York; take green Boulevard car to Twenty-third street and Broadway; then two blocks south to church.

The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad and its Western connections arrive at Forty-second street and Fourth avenue; take Fourth avenue electric cars south to Twenty-first street; then walk two blocks east to the church.

It will not be possible to have committees in attendance at these railroad depots, but if delegates and visitors will follow the above directions they will have no difficulty in reaching the church, where full information regarding other details will gladly be furnished.

A Trip to Brooklyn

Starting at the New York entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, take one of the Fulton street trolley cars across the bridge, which will afford you a fine view of the river and harbor, and New York and Brooklyn as well. Ride to the City Hall. Here a stop can be made to see the city buildings. In front of the City Hall, where our Lutheran reform Mayor, Charles A. Schieren, presided for three years, is a beautiful statue of the renowned Dr. Henry

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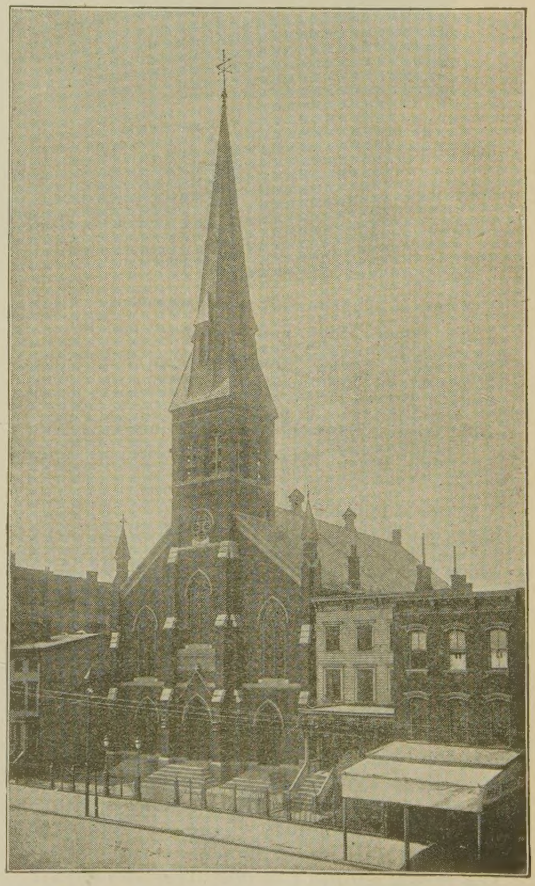

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN,
Where one of the Wednesday evening meetings will be held

The Subjects of Next Year's Topics

By Rev. Charles L. Fry

A RECENT writer in the *Lutheran World* has expressed himself in this paragraph, which was not intended by him to have the remotest reference to the League Topics, but which really fits the case capitally:

Sometimes it is said that there are some points in our Lutheran theology that are difficult to understand, and that, therefore, it is idle to talk and think about them. Are we never to make difficult themes the subject of our thought or discussion? Are we always to live in the rudiments and read nothing but primers and first readers? What if students in our schools and colleges would refuse to study difficult subjects? What progress would they make in science, language and philosophy? The same principles obtain in the science of theology. If men are too sluggish or dull to think and think deeply, they . . . . will be likely to say, "Oh, there are enough things that I can understand without much effort, and I will omit the difficult parts" But the pious and alert thinker will say, "God must have put those difficult portions there for a purpose, and I will try my utmost to discover His meaning." People who scoff at profound questions as unworthy of attention only say thereby, "I don't want to think." Well, if they do not want to exert their own mental powers, they at least ought to be willing to let other people use the gifts with which God has endued them.

Whatever whispered criticisms there may have been that the Topics of this year were "too doctrinal" in their tone, it is not even a faint echo of the thunder of censure which there would have been had the Literature Committee adopted a series of stereotyped and disconnected "debating society subjects," such as Friendship, Patriotism, Hospitality, the Sunday Newspaper, Intemperance, Recreation, Success in Life, Habits, &c.

Doubtless this kind of themes would have been more conducive to spread-eagle speeches and windy harangues, in which, alas! consists too much of the "popularity" of young people's meetings. But if the Luther League is organized for something more worthy than such performances, then the standard of its Topics for study and serious discussion must be of consonant higher tone. And as a matter of fact, the list of our subjects has received the unqualified commendation of thoughtful men in other denominations who wish their own similar societies might have a course as systematic and comprehensive.

A faithful pursuance of such logical outline of doctrinal study may be, as it were, the test of loyal sincerity, which reduces the army of Gideon from 10,000 down to 300, but it still remains true that with this little band of proven genuine patriots the Lord will save Israel, rather than with the mixed multitude.

There are men who have been holding aloof from the League movement until they should see what kind of food would be provided for their young people's minds and hearts to feed upon, and not one word of criticism have they had to offer on this most important point. From the very beginning, the subjects of the Topics have merited and received their respect and approval, nor will it be long ere this is made practically manifest by valuable results.

And this is not the highest aspect of the matter. The Apostle's admonition may readily be applied to our League work along this line: "For we are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry: ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereupon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, either gold and silver and precious stones, or wood and hay and stubble, every man's work shall be made manifest, because it shall be revealed by fire. The fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is."

The development of next year's Topics will not be touched by the committee until after the National Convention has adopted the most approved subjects by its own decisive vote. This will of course make the first issue a little late, but it cannot possibly be helped. In order to save time to the utmost, and facilitate the consideration of the matter as far as may be, the following proposed schedule for 1899 is here submitted for examination and expression of opinion, on the part both of individuals and of the various Leagues as such. The schedule is based on the presupposition that there is a universal desire, as heretofore, to follow the Church year, and to have all the themes from first to last comprise a connected whole.

Those which fall in the month of December, 1898, have already been published in this year's almanac, and are a sequel to the studies of the foregoing 12 months. The topics for the almanac of 1899 would begin with January 1. (See next page.)

Luther League Topics for 1899

1898.

Advent I, November 27, Awakening from the Sleep of Death. I Thess. 4 : 13-5 : 6.
Advent II, December 4, Immortality of the Soul. Luke 16 : 19-31.
Advent III, December 11, The Final Judgment. Luke 12 : 1-9.
Advent IV, December 18, The New Heavens and the New Earth. Rev. 20 : 11-21 : 8.
Christmas, December 25, The Angel's Interest in Men's Salvation. Heb. 1 : 1-14.

1899.

New Year, January 1, An Acceptable Year. Luke 4 : 16-21.
Epiphany I, January 8, The Baptism of Jesus. Matt. 3 : 7-17.
Epiphany II, January 15, Faith Brings Life. John 3 : 27-36.
Epiphany III, January 22, Light in Darkness. Matt. 4 : 12-17.
Septuagesima, January 29, The Christ Confessed. Matt. 16 : 13-20.
Sexagesima, February 5, The Christ Transfigured. Matt. 17 : 1-9.
Quinquagesima, February 12, The Christ's Witness. John 8 : 12-20.
Lent I, February 19, Christ to be Lifted Up. John 8 : 21-32.
Lent II, February 26, Christ Restoring the Blind. John 9 : 1-22.
Lent III, March 5, Christ Rejected by His Own. John 10 : 23-39.
Lent IV, March 12, Christ Raising the Dead. John 11 : 20-46.
Lent V, March 19, Christ a Victim of Conspiracy. John 11 : 47-57.
Palmarum, March 26, Palms and Passion. John 12 : 12-26.
Easter, April 2, The Empty Tomb. Matt. 28 : 1-10.
Easter I, April 9, The Lord Amid His Disciples. Luke 24 : 36-43.
Easter II, April 16, The Lord Reinstates Peter. John 21 : 1-19.
Easter III, April 23, The Lord Glorified by the Father. John 12 : 27-30 ; 17 : 1-8.
Easter IV, April 30, The Lord Intercedes for Believers. John 17 : 9-26.
Easter V, May 7, The Lord is "Parted from Them." Luke 24 : 44-53.
Sunday after Ascension, May 14, The Lord Prepares a Home. John 14 : 1-14.
Whitsunday, May 21, The Lord Promises the Comforter. John 14 : 15-21.
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Ward Beecher. The municipal buildings are back of the City Hall. Take a Flatbush avenue car to the entrance of Prospect Park. Here you will see the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument, and to the left the water tower. A stroll through Prospect Park will add much to the sightseer's trip. Or you may take the trolley car to the famous watering place of New York, Coney Island. A trip to the splendidly kept Greenwood Cemetery is also a feature. All these points can be visited by the trolley lines (fare 5 cents).

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The Luther League—Its Success

Past, Present and Future

By Rev. F. W. E Peschau, D.D.

MOTIVES pure as gold, and principles as strong as the eternal hills, prompted the organization of the Luther League. The motives and principles were sincerest love for our young people, for our Church, her glorious heritage, the desire to do *the very best* for her young members, and the holy, inalienable God-given law or principle of self-preservation. It is the outgrowth of careful, prayerful thoughtfulness on the part of those who desire best to care for our Lutheran youth, and on the part of the earnest and devoted confirmants themselves, who love their Church above every other institution on earth.

We venture to claim not only that we have many of the very best, most talented, most skilled and most devout and consecrated young people in America in our churches. who have more real true worth and less dross and sham and tinselry than any others, but that we ought also to do the very best for them, in making special provision for them between the time of Confirmation and of mature Christian manhood and Christian womanhood. And, friends, what is or has been presented that offers better things, in its way, than our Luther League?

If we had an ecclesiastical Prince Bismarck, who could weld with mighty and holy energy all our scattered forces into a united Lutheran Empire of Church life and Church activity, without breaking synodical lines, that could be kept so busy at maintaining and furthering its varied interests as to be unmolested from a thousand sources that now court favors and seek to weaken us, *then* it would be different, very different; but taking our field, our condition, our situation, our circumstances, as they are, we emphatically claim there is nothing better (always excepting the Church) for *our* young people than this organization.

WHAT ABOUT THE THINGS IN WHICH IT IS A SUCCESS?

1. Its Name.—The word "league," from the Latin "ligo," means to bind. A league is a combination or union between two or more persons for the promotion of mutual or common interests, or for the execution of any design in common. We read I. Kings 5:12: "There was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and they two made a league together." If these earthly kings could enter into a league about earthly affairs, then surely we who are "kings and priests unto God" can form a league in holy work and for defensive purposes.

The name Luther is too well known to need any explanation. We maintain that our name, "Luther League," is the shortest, simplest, most suggestive, expressive and comprehensive, and stands unequaled and unparalleled by any denominational society's name we have thus far heard of. As a monogram its alliteration is strikingly beautiful. As a *representative* name it means a league of Lutherans, and it is real and strong, and as a "bond" it unites us with Luther's life and work. We are distinct links in the chain, in which Luther has forged the principal link or ring.

2. Its Noble Foundation or Belief.—God's word and the Augsburg Confession constitute the rock and platform on which it stands. The League has laid down no new basis of doctrine, nor has it set aside or even depreciated doctrine. It steps upon the floor or platform the Church herself constructed or erected and has put her feet upon, namely, our matchless, peerless Augsburg Confession, and receives strength from its strength. What can the Church or any other organization offer our young people that is better, more appropriate or more beneficial? No other society can ever claim, much less possess, a better foundation. When 1,400 professors and ministers in Germany agreed that it was the only possible basis or bond of a Protestant union, they gave it the highest possible indorsement. Surely a Lutheran young people's league that has the very basis of the Church herself can have nothing higher, or better, or nobler.

3. Its Noble Standpoint or Sphere of Life and Labors.—Its motto and principle, "Of the Church, by the Church, for the Church," means much. The League stands like a guardian angel of holy interests of the Church, by the Church and for the Church and the youth of the Church, and is thus caring for the soldiers of her future combats and the guardians of her future welfare. It is not antagonistic to the Church nor her various societies, boards and organizations. It occupies a peculiar field of its own, and one unoccupied so long.

We repeat it has no idea of supplanting the Church, nor is it antagonistic to the Church, but supplemental, a secondary help to enlarge the sphere and aid the

principal work. Its basis, motto and principles of action clearly reveal this, and its conducting of affairs proves this. Its whole aim and desire is defensive.

Like our Sunday schools, parochial schools, academies, seminaries, colleges and universities, who are only *creatures* of the Church or of members of the Church, and whose whole, sole aim is caring for young Lutherans, the League is a creature of the Church or its members, and like these various schools cares only for our young people. It fills up a gap. It puts a spoke into the Lutheran wheels to help give them perfection.

Our seminaries, colleges and other schools are not the Church, were never designed to be, and never will be, and they do not aim to be. They are, as already stated, either only creatures of some members of the Church or of the Church itself, and yet who will say they have not a place, and an important place, in the Church's many sided field and interests? The like is claimed for the Luther League. It has a sphere peculiarly its own, in teaching the young *practical* work in the Church's interests. We claim, then, that in the noble stand taken and the holy work chosen the Luther League is a success, and has as good a right to exist and extend its powers as many a school.

4. Its Historic Emblem.—Has any organization a better, more significant, more appropriate "coat of arms" than the one our glorious Luther chose and with its royal colors gave to the world? Is it not the best? Is its selection not wise, and did the League not achieve finest success in adopting it?

The very fact that this charming historic coat of arms is made known to our young people, and dare I say to some ministers also and to the American people, reflects great credit on the League. Has any move in America ever made it known, welcome, yea, popular, as the League has done? Its very presence calls forth history. Its arrangement awakens admiration. Its study teaches spiritual truth. Its significance is sublime. It stands as the model in its line, and shows the scholarship, spiritual strength and insight and the superiority of Luther, with whose life work for God and man we are leagued in this distant age.

5. Its Uniform Organization.—It has—1. Its Local League. 2. Its Junior League. 3. Its Central or District League. 4. Its State League. 5. Its National League. 6. Its climax, the International League, is yet to come, and we hope will come.

Its 12 State Leagues, many district or central Leagues, its hundreds of local Leagues, and its 60,000 members, all indicate its success in this line.

6. Its Unification of Work.—Germans, Pennsylvania Germans, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, and the English-speaking youth, regardless of synodical lines or relations, harmoniously unite in its work. Beautiful is the thought, gratifying is the fact, inspiring is the sight of such a holy commingling in our American Lutheran Church life.

This nation, wearing a bouquet of the choicest flowers of life from every land and fast becoming the smelting furnace of public opinion for all America and the world, set the example and we are wisely following it. God speed the day of its triumphs. This naturally leads us to our next point.

7. Its Social Side.—Ministers and members have, through the League and its conventions, been enabled to form many holy friendships that would otherwise have been impossible. Next to knowing God by faith, His Word by study, and our doctrines by instruction, comes the delightful acquaintance with our Lutheran fellow Christians, both in the ministry and among the laity. "The communion of saints" is a part of the Christian's creed. The League has succeeded in helping in this line.

8. Its Literature and Literary Work.—The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW stands matchless on its domain. The Luther League Topics well serve their purpose and are worthy of hearty support. Both of these publications fill a gap in our Church life and work. The REVIEW comes in between the Sunday school paper and the Church paper and the Topics in between the Sunday school lesson and the sermon. Songs and music have been composed for the League's use.

Aside from all this, hundreds of scholarly addresses or essays have been produced by our talented young men and young women, and oh! how many of them had never spoken or read before a religious audience!

The books of the superb, select reading course are often Lutheran pioneers or the advance guard in homes in which they enter, and no one can estimate the mighty influences one good book may exert. The League has called forth talent, used talent and developed talent.

9. Its Growth and Comparative Strength.—That it has not grown as rapidly as some might desire is no sign of weakness, but a sign of its conservative character and an indication of its ultimate triumph.

Luther in his first hymn book, published in 1524, had only eight hymns, and up to the time of his death it grew to number only 150, of which he had written 36, or nearly one-third. Who would then have thought that Germany would become the country of finest hymnology on all the continents?

There was a time when we only had 13 Colonies or States, and now behold the nation! There was a time when telegraph wires and poles connected only the two cities, Baltimore and Washington, and now behold States, nations and continents are bound together by the intelligence-bearing wires.

There was a time when in all this vast country of ours there were not all told 60,000 Lutheran men, women and children; yea, there was a time when there were not, in all the wide, wide world, 60,000 Lutherans, and behold, our Leagues alone represent 60,000 *young Lutherans!*

Shall we, who have been steadily moving ahead in numbers, power and influence both in the Church and outside of it, be dissatisfied because ultmate success has not come in scarcely a dozen years?

The very slowness yet steadiness of its growth is a hopeful sign and seal of its success. Some are worried because there are those who become indifferent. That is not surprising. Societies or orders who pay families of deceased members hundreds or thousands of dollars complain that they often cannot have a quorum at a regular meeting. I remember when men drove to town 10, 12 and even 15 miles to see that wonder of our age, a Pullman palace car, one lonely palace car, hitched to the majestic flying train, and wondered at the grand invention and construction. Now, I have seen men stand in country towns when a whole train, a special train of these princely cars, flew by, scarcely turn their heads and only remark bluntly, "Oh! that's the Limited." If men in the most important material affairs of life grow indifferent, is it any wonder that Church workers have similar experiences in their line?

Men are at their best when enthusiasm and experience are evenly balanced, and this is true of organizations. We are getting our experience and are losing nothing of our enthusiasm. As already stated the progress made is gratifying. Having a National League, 12 State Leagues and 60,000 members it has grown gratifyingly.

10. Its Indirect Influences.—Can we not claim that it has exerted indirect influences that are far reaching? Has it not set hundreds of pastors and congregations to work caring for the young as they never did before, and thus emphasize the importance of this work?

OUR FUTURE SUCCESS.

Our doctrinal position is settled. The privileges and powers of our organization are all that could be desired. Its standpoints and sphere of work are all that could be asked. The name, motto and emblem are fixed. The success of the League has been both gratifying and surprising. What shall the future be?

Our local Leagues have done much good work. I know one that raised $500 to pay for a church lot and then in addition helped furnish the mission church. Others have presented organs, done charity work, &c. The record in practical work is wonderful. Our success can be made greater (1) by holding on to what we have, (2) by using it, building it up, extending it, increasing our numbers, &c., and (3) above all, by constant, self-sacrificing, individual effort.

"Every one, though poor and humble,
Has a mission to fulfill;
Every hand, though small and feeble,
Can work out some good—or ill."

Personal effort is ever and everywhere the secret of success. To arouse to activity every young member is her highest aim, and this accomplished she will have her highest success.

Things may change and persons may change, but principles never. In crossing the mountains I saw a rude, simple, small wooden bridge, not more than 20 or 25 feet long, spanning the rippling, rushing waters and connecting the opposite shores of a little mountain stream. Such were the bridges of early times. Now behold the endless variety in the army of bridges up to the giant bridge of all ages that straddles a New York river, with one mighty leg of stone in boots of iron and steel on Brooklyn soil, and the other in New York City.

The principles of building houses are the same, but oh! how different the houses. The log huts had their foundations, walls, floors, sides, ceilings, rooms and roofs, but the frame building, then the brick, the stone, the marble, and now 14, yea, 20-storied iron edifices took their place. The principles of building were the same, but how different the mode of applying them. So it is in Church work.

Leaguers, then, be up and doing. You live in days of golden advantages and of golden opportunities.

The telegraph ticks your Lutheran message. The telephone responds to the call

of your committee. The mails carry your Lutheran literature. The majestic $100,000 train stops on the hillside to take your poorest member to the convention. The thousand-mouthed printing press says, Give me an account of your Lutheran doings. Tell me what is glorious and I'll tell it to the world.

Oh ! what advantages ! What glorious opportunities ! ! What noble helps ! ! ! Then do your duty, one by one. In it lies our golden future. Do what you can ! Do all you can ! Do while you can, as the poet beautifully and wisely admonishes, and may God help you.

" If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet:
You can stand among the sailors
Anchored yet within the bay.
You can lend a hand to help them
As they launch their boat away.

" If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
As the multitudes go by:
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly pass along;
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

" If you have not gold or silver
Ever ready to command,
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever open hand,
You can visit the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep;
You can be a true disciple
Sitting at the Master's feet.

" If you cannot, in the harvest,
Garner up the richest sheaf,
Many a grain, both ripe and golden,
Will the careless reapers leave;
Go and toil among the briers
Growing rank against the wall,
For it may be that their shadows
Hide the heaviest wheat of all.

" If you cannot, in the conflict,
Prove yourself a soldier true;
If, where fire and smoke are thickest,
There's no work for you to do;
When the battlefield is silent
You may go, with careful tread;
You may bear away the wounded,
You may cover up the dead.

" Do not stand, then, idly waiting
For some great, great work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you !
Go and toil in any vineyard !
Do not fear to do or dare !
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere."

Luther League of Indiana-Kentucky

THE Third Annual Convention of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky was held at Whitestown, Ind., September 20-21, 1898, Rev. S. P. Fryberger, pastor.

On account of the scattered condition of our societies the convention was not so very large, but what it lacked in quantity was made up in quality. Look on your map and think of having representatives from Chicago, Ill., to Louisville, Ky. The convention opened on Tuesday evening. A hearty welcome was extended by the pastor, Rev. Fryberger, which was appropriately responded to by the president, Rev. Dr. Ziegler. After these exercises Rev. Dr. Criley of Indianapolis preached a very helpful sermon from Gal. 6:1-10, telling us how we may be able to do good.

Wednesday was the great day. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., Louisville, Ky., pres.; Rev. S. P. Fryberger, Whitestown, Ind., vice-pres.; Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Anderson, Ind., sec.; Miss Carrie Fischer, Louisville, Ky., cor. sec., and Mrs. H. J. Thomas, Camden, Ind., treas. A very instructive address was delivered by Rev. M. L. Wagner, Vandalia, Ill., on the subject of "Early Lutherans of Indiana." Rev. Wagner proved that he had to go through a great many dry bones to gather his material, but he put breath in them. He handled the subject in a masterly manner.

" Lutheran Practices; Lutheran Music; Lutheran Literature" was a topic up for free discussion; a number of the brethren present spoke on the different phases of the subject. Rev. F. C. Oberly, Decatur, Ill., gave a very earnest and practical talk on the topic, " The Young Lutheran as a Spiritual Force." " What are Our Opportunities " was presented by Rev. C. Huber of Richmond, Ind.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Chicago, Ill., delivered an address on the subject: " Who Should Educate Our Youth in the Higher Grades." The doctor pointed out the dangers of our public school system, and showed conclusively that our youth should be educated in the higher grades by the Church. The meetings were well attended. Wednesday evening the church was full, with an attentive audience.

This Third Annual Convention was a success. As the mighty oak from the little acorn grows, so may this League grow into a mighty power for good.

The League and Missions

By Rev. S. G. Weiskotten

THE Luther League! What thoughts, hopes, ideals, center about it. To many of us, whose hearts beat with highest hopes whenever we think of our grand Lutheran Church and her possibilities and responsibilities, the League has become a great and blessed means to further the realization of those hopes. The more carefully and prayerfully we study the needs of the present and let our gaze turn toward the marvelous possibilities of the immediate future the more are we impressed with the importance of the League. Each year proves more conclusively that it has a splendid and distinct mission. Each convention deepens this conviction and more clearly marks the outlines of our work.

One of the most important features of that work is the relation of the League to missions. The missionary spirit is at a very low ebb among our Lutheran people. If any doubt this let him study the figures and speak to our missionary superintendents. There is a horrible selfishness among many of our Church members. All their thoughts are centered about their own parish. How little is done for foreign missions. What a hue and cry when a new church is started. How pitiful are the appeals in the Church papers and from the lips of our hard worked missionary superintendents, beseeching the tens of thousands of Lutherans to give at least a few pennies apiece that our brave, self-denying home missionaries may not starve. The more we study the richness and ripeness of our Lutheran harvest, and behold the well-nigh criminal indifference of so many of our Church members, the more do we realize that the rising generation of Lutherans must be infused with the missionary spirit.

It must be one of the distinct purposes of the League to stimulate our members to a practical interest in missions. The League, as an organization, cannot undertake missionary work. It can and ought, however, to stir up the individual members and Leagues to a live interest in the various missionary activities of the Church. This is one of the League's best opportunities for efficient Church work.

The National Convention is but a few weeks off. It ought to be made our most inspiring meeting. It can easily be made so. One of the subjects under discussion will be "Missions." We suggest that during the few weeks before the meeting in New York City every League make "Missions" the subject of earnest thought. Pray for our missions and missionaries. Discuss the subject in the League meetings. Ask your pastor for missionary facts and literature. He will be glad to furnish them. A request from his League to hold a special missionary service before the meeting of the National League will, we are sure, find a glad and ready response. It would cheer his heart, for there is not an earnest pastor but would be delighted to have his young people awaken to an interest in the blessed cause. Begin at once to give a regular amount to missions. Get your League to do the same. In a word, make "Missions" a live subject in your home, your Sunday school, your Church, your League, and above all in your own heart. No other department of our League work will produce such quick and great results.

Luther League of New York State

Sixth Convention, in New York City, Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, 1898

No further details regarding the New York State Convention can be given than those published in the last number. The meetings will be held Monday evening, October 17, at 7.45, and Tuesday morning, October 18, at 9.30, in St. James' Church, Seventy-third street and Madison avenue.

Two speakers have been selected for the Monday evening session, but their names cannot be announced at this time. The principal business session will be held Tuesday morning. The Secretary of the State League has mailed a letter with particulars to every League and society in the State.

Further information, if desired, can be had of C. H. Bogel, 726 Macon street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Editorial

One of the features of the coming Convention of the Luther League of America, in New York, will be the music. Our Church is emphatically musical in its tendencies, and it is a matter of congratulation that so much attention is being paid, at this time, to its cultivation. It should be a feature at all meetings of the individual Leagues, where it will be found specially helpful. The experience of those having in charge the State Conventions is that the music has added much to the success of these meetings.

Our Lord in one of His sermons, when upon earth, instructed His disciples as follows: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." And St. Paul impressed this injunction further in his second letter to the Corinthians: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." As an incentive to obey this truth Solomon adds: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." The necessity, the duty and the blessing of giving are being more and more enunciated and emphasized, and many more at this time are learning how to give and what comes from giving. This is one of the thoughts which should day by day be impressed upon all Christians. If each one gives of his income as laid down by the Word of God, there will not be a failure but a greater extension in missions.

Missions are opening everywhere, and the latest are the Philippine Islands, Cuba and Porto Rico. In the last named many of our Leaguers toiled to accomplish peace, and it seems proper, as suggested by a writer in one of our Church papers, that our members should do their part in extending the good work in that direction. To some it is only necessary to suggest; to others to impress. The duty is the same. What shall we do about it?

Recently the writer spent a Sunday in a country town of about 4000 inhabitants. As he went to church he saw two newsboys so heavily laden with Sunday papers that they could scarcely walk, and he noticed on the street along which he passed that a paper was left at almost every house. Many of these were occupied by Church members. Is it not one of the weaknesses of the age, and does it not show an inclination toward worldliness, that the professing Christians devote so much of the Lord's Day to doing and reading that which is not consistent with the commandment to keep the Sabbath Day holy? It does seem at times as if the line between the Church and the world were not distinctly drawn, or at least not visible to many who profess to be Christ's followers.

All visitors and delegates who attend the National League convention should come not only to enjoy the meetings and get food and inspiration for themselves, but as delegates and representatives of home Leagues and societies they should have a high and holy duty toward them. Every member ought to return from the convention with thoughts, suggestions and plans to be imparted to others and used for the benefit of the home church. We therefore urge every one attending the convention to come provided with pencil and note book to take down such thoughts and suggestions as will enable each one to give a helpful report to those who remain at home, and thus make the convention a blessing to all.

The programme of our coming National Convention is such a rich one, so full of sound, helpful, instructive, inspiring subjects, that no delegate can afford to miss a single session.

From present indications the coming convention promises to be the most earnest, enthusiastic and largely attended of any in our history.

Our people are beginning to awake to the fact that more literature relating to our Church is demanded. The recent book on the "Life of Luther," written by Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, and Dr. Hay's "Luther the Reformer," and the "Life of Melanchthon," by Rev. Dr. J. W. Richard, soon to appear in book form, proves that there is abundance of material as well as ability in our Church. There should be an earnest aim to develop this, and let us be loyal in reading that which our Lutheran authors so ably write.

I do not look upon the League any longer as an experiment, but as a great power in the development of a true Lutheran consciousness and the realization of a united American Lutheran life.—*Rev. J. E. Whitteker.*

What They Think of the Review

Rev. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis.

You certainly understand how to serve up good food in a palatable way. It is like sitting down to a table decked with fair linen and sparkling service and spread with a rariety to suit all tastes.

J. F. Fahs, Canton, Ohio.

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Rev. A. O. Ebert, Audenried, Pa.

I must say that I am well pleased with the REVIEW both as to appearance and material.

Rev. Fuller Bergstrisser, Allegheny, Pa.

You certainly are publishing a bright, newsy paper. I don't see how you can give so much for only 50 cents per year.

Christena S. Oliver, Pembina, N. Dak.

I am well pleased with the change in the form and wish it good luck.

Peter Froeberg, Ansonia, Conn.

I am very much pleased with the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and much more now since it appears in another form and with its contents considerably improved.

Rev. J. L. Murphy, Rock Island, Ill.

I'm sure we appreciate your efforts and the improvements in the REVIEW we are continually finding, so take fresh courage with every subscription received.

Julia C. Steinicken, Wilmington, Del.

I like the REVIEW printed in book form much better than before; although I always did enjoy the reading matter in the past and know I will in the future.

Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Stoughton, Wis.

I am much pleased with the change in the form of the REVIEW. It has grown steadily in attractiveness and interesting contents. The last two numbers are worth the price of a year's subscription. May your reward be a doubled and trebled subscription list.

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— Bishop Von Scheele of Sweden, who visited this country a few years ago, proposes to the Luther League of America an International Lutheran Union with the "Allgemeine Lutherische Conferenz," which recently met at Braunschweig. So says Rev. J. Teleen of Rock Island, Ill., who will give the particulars at the National Convention.

NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— A meeting of the Luther League of New York City was held in St. John's Church on September 19. Resolutions were adopted commendatory to the young men of the League who had enlisted for the war; also of regret on the death of George L. Immen and Arnold Geismann of St. James' League. The Ways and Means Committee made an encouraging report of its arrangements for the National Convention. It was decided to omit the Luther Day celebration this year.

— The St. John's Social Union is issuing a bright little four-page monthly called the *Echo*. A bicycle corps has been organized in connection with the union, of which these are the officers: Captain, W. L. Bode, pres.; 1st Lieut., Hy. Fulle, sec.; 2d Lieut., Hy. Drewes, treas.; bugler, W. A. Lemcke; color bearer, F. Tiedemann.

—From present indications the music at the meetings of the National League to be provided by the Luther League Choral Union

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— On Wednesday, September 28, the president of the National League visited the newly organized Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, at Mt. Vernon, of which Rev. J. W. Smith is the pastor, and addressed the members. It is more than likely that this League will apply for membership in the New York City League before long.

Brooklyn

— A regular meeting of the Luther League of Brooklyn was held on Monday evening, September 26, at the Church of the Redeemer, Bedford avenue corner of Hewes street, President G. P. Moller presiding. The meeting was opened by reading of Scripture and prayer by the Rev. S. G. Weiskotten. Considerable time was given to the discussion of the forthcoming convention. Reports from the different societies showed that efforts were being made on every side to make the convention a great success.

A committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each society, to take steps toward organizing a branch choral union society in the Borough of Brooklyn, this society to co-operate with that of Manhattan in furnishing music for the rally to be held at Carnegie Hall. Owing to the fact that the National Convention was to be held in New York in October it was decided to postpone the Luther Day celebration until some time later in the winter, the time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

A Press Committee was appointed by the president to attend to the proper advertising of the convention in the Brooklyn papers.

Buffalo Central

— The next meeting of the Luther League of Buffalo and vicinity will be held in Church of Redeemer Wednesday, October 12, at 8 o'clock. Delegates are requested to be present, as final arrangements are to be made for the convention. The semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Buffalo will be held on Luther's birthday, November 10, at Christ's Church, Broadway corner Fox street. The delegates to the National Convention are Mr. George Flierl, Rev. Bachmann and Miss Kate Fox; State Convention delegates are Messrs. George Flierl, William L. Henrich, Rev. Bachmann, Miss Susie Grauer and Miss Kate Fox. Preparations are being made for a Reformation Festival, to be held on October 30, at St. John's Church. Particulars can be learned later.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

— There were about 2,200 Lutherans at Saratoga Park, near Pottstown, Pa., on Labor Day, September 5, attending the Luther League rally. A chorus choir of 50 voices rendered choice music. Rev. Dr. Smith delivered the address of welcome and Rev. J. L. Becker responded. George W. Zimmerman of Trappe and Hon. C. R. Lantz of Lebanon made addresses, and toward the close brief remarks were made by Revs. Roeder, Waidelich, Reiter and Mr. Wm. F. Day. A most enjoyable day was spent.

— The Luther League of Grace Lutheran Church, Norristown, Rev. Robt. D. Roeder, pastor, visited the Luther League of August Lutheran Church, at Trappe, on Thursday evening, September 29.

— The Luther League of Emmanuel Church, Pottstown, Rev. I. B. Kurtz, pastor, has three young men among those who went to the front. They are Samuel W. Kepner, Oscar R. Davis, Francis Hauseman, of Co. A, Sixth Regt. Penn. Vol.

— In the death of the wife of Rev. C. W. Jefferies of North Wales, Pa., caused by eating toadstools which were mistaken for mushrooms, and which also caused the death of their only child and seriously poisoned both Rev. Jefferies and other members of the family of the parents of Mrs. Jefferies, with whom Rev. and Mrs. Jefferies were spending their vacation, at Shippensburg, Pa., the Woman's Missionary Society of this district and the local and Central Luther League have lost, the former their president and the latter a very active worker in all matters pertaining to Luther League. Her loss is very keenly felt, and sympathies go forth from every person whose acquaintance she had made, both to Rev. Jefferies, who is improving very slowly, and to the congregation, among whom she so faithfully fulfilled the calling of a pastor's wife.

Lancaster and Vicinity

— The Central Luther League of Lancaster County will meet in Grace Church, Lancaster, Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, pastor, on October 6.

Williamsport Central

— The Williamsport Luther League Central held a convention in Trinity Church, Milton, Pa., on September 22, 1898. Report next month.

REDUCED RATES TO PITTSBURG.

On account of the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave, to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., October 10 to 14, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from stations on its line to Pittsburg and return at rate of *single fare for the round trip*, with minimum of 25 cents.

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Catawissa League

— The ninth convention of the Catawissa Central Luther League was held at Montgomery, September 1 and 2. The church being in the hands of repairers the convention was therefore held in the opera house. The pastor, Rev. D. E. Rupley, and the local alliance made the convention most welcome and happy. About 50 delegates were present from the different societies of the district. The subjects discussed by essayists were as follows: "How Can Our Young People's Societies Promote the Social Element in Our Churches?" by Mrs. J. P. Hoffa of Washingtonville; "Systematic Giving," by Miss Martha Robinson of Espy; "A Bible Reading," by Mr. W. D. Laumaster of Danville; "Rear Pews in Christian Work," by Miss Mary Campbell of Shamokin; "How Can Every Member in the Church Become Active in the Work?" by Miss Vinnie Ream of Danville, and "What Have Been the Fruits of the Luther League?" by Mr. J. P. Walter of Numidia. The "social hour" of this convention surpassed any yet held by this League. Miss Carrie Dry of Mifflinville and Mr. Shellenberger of Montgomery were elected delegates to the National Convention, Rev. Geo. W. Fortney of Turbotville and C. S. Walz of Catawissa being alternates. The next convention will be held at Washingtonville.

OHIO

— In the list of Lutheran chaplains given in a former number we failed to mention Rev. C. E. Gardner, Osborn, Ohio, chaplain of the Third Ohio Vol., and Rev. J. C. Schindel of Circleville, Ohio, of the Fourth Ohio, both members of the Miami Synod.

— The young people of St. John's Church, two miles east of Miamisburg, recently organized a Luther League. The following are the officers: Pres., Walter Miller; vice-pres., Jno. Hamilton; sec., Emma Urshal; treas., Hattie Bann; libra., Laura Dosch; advisory officer, W. A. Peffly, vice-president of the State League.

KANSAS

— The Luther League of Kansas will meet in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Atchison, Rev. L. S. Keyser, pastor, on Wednesday evening, October 12, and continue until Friday evening. Delegates will kindly notify the pastor of their coming. Let there be a large attendance. An excellent programme will be prepared.

KENTUCKY

— The Louisville Luther League will hold its next quarterly rally in the Third Church, at 3 p.m., Sunday, September 25.

SOUTH CAROLINA

— The Central Luther League of Newberry County will meet in the Lutheran Church, Newberry, S. C., Saturday, October 15, 1898, at 10.30 a.m., opening with devotional exercises by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D. Discussions: "Has the Central League Benefited the Individual Societies?" J. I. Bedenbaugh, R. C. Counts, J. J. Kibler, T. A. Epting, W. A. Counts, Lawson Goggans; "In the League Which Have Proven the Better Workers—Male or Female Members? Why?" Miss Ella Riser, Miss Freddie Banks, Miss Marguerite

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Luther League Topics

21st Week after Trinity. October 30.

(EPISTLE: SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.)

The Church, True and False.—(Acts 4:5-21.)

The Sanhedrim, representing the Jewish Church, having condemned their Messiah, refuse to recognize His apostles as true teachers of religion, thus cut themselves off from the true Church.

I. The Church (in the narrower sense) is "The communion of saints." It is composed of all true believers of all ages and races; is called the Church Invisible. It shall endure forever. Ps. 46:5; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:20.

II. The Church (in the wider sense) is composed of all in her external organization, true believers, hypocrites and sinners. Is called the Church Visible. In the judgment she will be purified. Matt. 13:30, 37-43.

1. "The true or pure Church is an assembly of men, in which all things necessary to be believed for salvation, and to be done for attaining holiness of life, are clearly taught from God's Word."

2. "A false or impure Church is an assembly of men, in which the doctrine of faith is publicly proclaimed from the Word of God, with a mixture of error and corruptions."

Application.—The Church became false and impure: Luther tore away the disfiguring accretions and corruptions of centuries and revealed the primitive Apostolic Church in all her purity and grandeur. This true Church has come down to us, the precious inheritance of the Reformation, and to-day alone presents the true marks of a true church. Augs. Conf., Arts. VII and VIII.

Truth and Error cannot exist peaceably side by side.

"To abandon the Lutheran Church for another * * * is to exchange a faith that satisfies, brings peace and manifests itself in childlike, cheerful, joyous trust * * * for one that oftentimes perplexes, raises doubts, and is more or less moody and gloomy."—Gerberding.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 135, 142, 141, 143, 140.

23d Week after Trinity. November 13.

(EPISTLE: MINDING EARTHLY THINGS VERSUS HEAVENLY.)

The Church versus the World.—(Rom 8:5-13.

Mankind are divided into two mutually exclusive classes, regenerate and unregenerate. Ver. 5. The former follow motives proceeding from the Holy Spirit; the latter, solely those arising from their corrupt nature.

The Church is not a material kingdom, though the first disciples thought so; Rome attempted to make it so, and modern enthusiasts urge it.

The Church stands in the midst of a world composed of the hypocritical, indifferent and opposed.

The weapon in the Church's hands in this warfare is the Word. "It conquered hearts. It changed the current of lives. It made its enemies its friends and propagators. It made the timid disciples brave. It burst the barriers of the Jewish nation. It claimed to be, and proved, by its ever extending influence that it was, a Gospel for the world."

Christ's kingdom was to grow many centuries amidst constant opposition, unfolding still greater glory with every conflict.

The Church is strong as it confesses clearly, plainly and unwaveringly the whole Word of God; it is weak as it places reliance upon any other means than this for conquering the world.

In alternate light and shade, the Church advances toward the final triumph. The good and evil grow together until the end, the good becoming better, and the evil worse.

The world is full of wonder, and set in battle array against the truth.

Scripture References: Psalms 46, 48 and 110; Matt. 6:24; John 15:19; 17-14; Acts 12:1-3; Rom. 12:2; Gal. 1:10; 6:14; Jas. 1:27; 4:4; 1 John 2:15.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 144, 209, 211, 207, 206.

22d Week after Trinity. November 6.

(EPISTLE: YOUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL.)

The Church a Fellowship of Love.—(1 Cor. 12:12-27.)

The illustration of the body and its members shows "that Christians are not isolated and independent units, but that they are mutually interdependent." Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 1:22, 23.

"The Church is the Body of Christ and every child of God a member of the Body. But the members differ. There is among them such a community of interests, that the benefit of one is the benefit of all, and the injury of one is the injury of all. Each particular form of Christianity, however imperfect and defective it may appear, has its peculiar mission for the good of the whole, and of every individual belonging thereto."—Jacobs.

Heathen religions and human organizations are founded on selfish considerations. The basic principle of the Church and her Book is love; love supreme to God and love to our fellow man equally with ourselves. Luke 10:27. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13:10.

The Apostles urged brotherly love as the chief characteristic of the believer.

Love governs Christian practice; *e. g.*, the strong should give way to the weak. Rom. 14; 15:1; 1 Cor. 8; Gal. 6:1.

"Man was meant to be a fountain ever flowing with blessing. . . . The true principle of all wholesome being, and the whole essence of the divine law is love—right love to one's self, love to one's neighbor as to one's self, and love to God supreme over all other love. And where genuine love to God is, there will be love to all that God loves. We cannot love God and yet refuse to acknowledge and treat as our brethren those whom He has accepted as His sons."—Seiss.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 147, 208, 210, 213, 205.

24th Week after Trinity. November 20.

(EPISTLE: WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD.)

Consistent Church Membership.—(Rom. 12:6-17.)

A topic peculiarly appropriate to the last week of the Church year. We have had an interesting and profitable series of doctrinal subjects, have learned anew the precious teachings of our Church. This lesson, taken from one of the most practical chapters of Paul's letter to the Romans, is the "application" of the series. For what benefit shall all this doctrinal study be, unless the "pure doctrine" shall result in purer, nobler, Christian life?

From the faith that alone justifies, must grow the fruit, *i. e.*, new obedience or good works; and that because God commands it. Augs. Conf., Arts. VI and XX. Be fruitful. Matt. 7:17-20; Jas. 2:18.

Good works are those which are by authority of a "Thus saith the Lord." Titus 2:14.

Love is the controlling principle of all good works. Love smooths the weary pillows, cools the fevered brow, calms the storms of anger and jealousy, lightens the load of toil, reclaims the erring one—yes, love brings many a soul to the mercy seat, where infinite, eternal, Divine Love has provided Salvation. The boundless depths of that love! Rom. 8:37-39.

Consistency demands that our religion permeate business, social and political life.

Consistency is pleasing to God. Col. 1:10. Grow in grace, model your life after that of the God-man. Then God shall rejoice; the Son will be glad, and the holy angels shall shout the glad tidings that you are firmly established in the citizenship of the Great King. "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ."—Paul.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 146, 212, 213, 227, 224.